

COMB MOUNTAINS FOR BURIED GOLD

Seek Treasure Hidden a Century Ago.

Alamosa, Colo.—Two faded and crumpled parchments with indistinct lines and markings of trails have led searching parties into the Comb mountains in quest of gold dust and nuggets, believed buried more than a century ago.

The searching parties combed many sections of the mountains during the summer, but early winter snows have forced abandonment of the projects until next spring.

One of the bands of delvers after hidden treasure is known as the "Treasure company," with headquarters at Capulin, a Spanish settlement 20 miles south of here. The other is a partnership between Charles F. Graesser, rancher, and Jesse Reynolds, Denver prospector. The latter has spent the summer digging along rock crevices for clumps of gold dust and nuggets thought to have been buried in the 70s of the last century. Reynolds also is seeking an old Spanish mine, which he claims to have located on the west flank of the San Juan mountains.

Early day history, romance and tragedy mark the trails that lead to the reputed treasure sites. Legend says the treasure was concealed by French and Spanish mining expeditions while under attack by Indian tribes.

The tale of the Rock creek cache carries with it a story of vengeance wrought by Indians against an expeditionary force of Frenchmen. The leaders of the expedition, according to the account, kidnapped the daughter of an Indian chieftain and later deserted her. The white men previously had discovered a great deposit of alluvial gold and silver on the bank of the Rock creek. The outraged Indians ambushed and massacred all of the party but one man, who buried the gold, the story runs.

Next War to Be Jolly;

Guns Will Not Rust

Washington.—Some millions of Americans with vivid recollections of wartime troubles in keeping rust off their rifles, machine guns and "75s" will be interested to learn that future American armies probably won't have the same kind of chores to do.

In his annual report, made public recently, Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Williams, chief of army ordnance, stated that efforts are being made to insure that future armies will have the same kind of chores to do.

"Extensive investigation of commercial stainless steel for use in rifles, machine gun barrels and other components is being carried on with the object of eventually making as many components of this type of material as practicable," says General Williams. "Such work, if successful, would result in far-reaching economy."

To Install Restaurants

on Swedish Airplanes

Stockholm.—Restaurant service is to be installed next season on the airplanes of the National Swedish airline of Aerotransport, the workweek activity in Sweden.

Expected in 1928 on account of the Olympic games in Amsterdam. Many machines will be held in reserve to take care of the anticipated heavy traffic.

Great progress in flying has been made during the last year both in regard to miles traveled and passengers carried, as well as in the increased safety of the planes. Considerable quantities of freight have also been transported.

As an example of the efficient role that Swedish flying plays in the European air lines can be mentioned the fact that London newspapers may now be sold and read in Stockholm at 8:30 in the morning the day after their publication.

German Stage Filled

by Employment Bureau

Berlin.—All theatrical contracts for employment of actors and actresses must be made after January 1 through the German national employment bureau.

Theatrical agencies have been held at bay within the scope of a movement under which all private employment agencies will be nationalized by December 31, to be maintained thereafter free from public taxes and to charge no fee for services.

Premier Lays World

Way to Feminists

Budapest.—The feminist movement was named in the Hungarian parliament for the World War. Count Bethlen, the premier, said that had the feminist movement kept pace with other countries it is probable the war could have been avoided. He declared that the feminist movement, by undermining family life and establishing the one child principle, had enfeebled all countries.

"The newspapers and the stage," he said, "glorify free love. Modern woman is an article of luxury, the whole modern life is a death dance."

FROM NUMBERS, B. C., TO THE U. S. CENSUS

First Counting of Noses Was Done by Moses.

Washington.—All Turkey stayed at home one Friday recently while 50,000 officials took the first census of the Ottoman empire.

"Turkey has made up for tardiness by asking questions far more thorough than appear in the famous first census of history," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names every male by their polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel."

"Thus spoke the Lord to Moses, and Moses, with Aaron's assistance, collected the figures for the first census report, which may be found in practically every home and hotel room. It is appropriately entitled 'Numbers,' the fourth book of the Bible.

By its recitation before the census William of Normandy ordered for his kingdom of England, resembles a census in the ranks of civilization. In 1085, A. D. to record every lord and peasant, every acre, every ox, every mill, every manor, every vine and every plow, the value thereof and—this is forward looking—the natural resources, woods, fields and streams capable of development and revenue. The report to William the Conqueror became the Domesday Book, unimpaired today except by scholars, yet protected in the public record office at London as one of the most precious possessions of England.

Russia's first count in 1897. "The United States, although a neophyte in the ranks of civilization, was one of the first nations to establish the modern periodic census. Sweden took the lead before our first census in 1750, but England, France and Prussia did not see the necessity of regular counting of noses until ten or twenty years later. Russia took no census until 1897.

"Deeply religious settlers of America nearly upon our first census when they looked back to another fortunate Bible census. 'Satan stood up against Israel,' our ancestors pointed out to the ministers, and provoked David to number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan. What happened?

"God was displeased; therefore he smote Israel. The Lord sent pestilence upon the multitude, and there fell of Israel 70,000 men."

"Fears that our first census would bring similar destruction upon the nation did not materialize, so the marshals delivered their reports to President Washington within nine months for all the original states, except Vermont, Rhode Island and North Carolina. Vermont and Rhode Island entered the Union later. The marshals of South Carolina found workers scarce at \$1 per 100 heads counted.

"Today a visitor at the census bureau may see the names of famous Americans and the answers given to the first census takers' simple questions. John Hancock's family consisted of two free white males, one female, seven other persons (servants no doubt) and no slaves. Progress in the census presents a contrast with data for Abraham Lincoln collected in 1890: 'Age, fifty-one, married, lawyer, value of real estate \$5000—personal estate \$12,000, Kentucky, place of birth.'

"From one census every ten years the census bureau has increased to 24 censuses, in addition to many special surveys such as that made to supply data to congress for immigration quotas. One census collected every week shows the number of babies born. Using these figures the bureau sets up its large calculator at an exhibit and about 20 seconds announces to the world that the millions of Americans have been increased, for example, by baby No. 118,972,321.

Statistics About Buying. "Not content with counting men, women and children, where they work, whether they are in school and if so, how long; not satisfied with tabulating the value of wheat grown and tons of manganese ore dug out of the ground; not resting even with summing up the business of hats and hammers, shoes and sulphuric acid manufactured in the United States, the census bureau proposes to complete the picture." To finish the portrait in figures of the whole United States, it is necessary, they say, to have a census of distribution. That means an accounting of what is sold to the housewife over the grocery, drug and meat counters, and of what the wholesaler sells to the retailer.

"Recently the census bureau released its first experimental distribution survey for which Baltimore served as a laboratory specimen. The winners of the first experimental distribution survey are required to support one millionth of the cost of the survey, and spend \$456.72 per year in stores; that the department stores take the most; that Baltimore spends more on automobiles than on furnishing its homes and that in the average family purchasing budget food requires 31 per cent, clothing 20 per cent and the family automobile comes next with 15 per cent. The same survey has been extended to ten other cities: Chicago, Atlanta, Denver, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle, Springfield, Ill., and Syracuse, N. Y. Some day it will be extended to the whole nation."

Women's Voice Stronger

Talking three men, but doesn't

work. A scientist tells us. The vocal cords of men are shorter than those of women and less energy is required to produce a sound. Besides women are more sociable and would rather talk than eat, much as they like to eat.

BURY LUNCH FOR PREHISTORIC DOG

Indians' Custom Revealed in Finding of Bones.

Washington.—Discovery of two deer bones painted red is a bit of evidence that Indians who lived in America 2,500 years ago placed food in the graves of their dead, as they would have done for their journey in the next world. The deer bones were found beside the skeletons of a prehistoric dog by Dr. F. H. H. Roberts, Jr., of the bureau of American ethnology, who has just returned from an archeological expedition to Chaco canyon, N. M.

The dogs appear to have been buried with ceremony by the Indians, said Doctor Roberts in discussing the expedition. Whether the deer bones were painted red to fool the dog spirits into thinking there was good meat on the bones can only be conjectured.

The dogs belonged to Indians of the last days of the basketmaker civilization that flourished in the Southwest many centuries before the Pueblo, he said. Very ancient tribes are known as the basketmakers because they were all their vessels and containers. In the course of centuries pottery-making was learned.

Inductive evidence of the Indians who lived at the time when the change from baskets to pottery was made was discovered by Doctor Roberts. Fifteen skeletons were found in the lowest level and no baskets or containers for food, such as have been found in similar burials. The baskets here had evidently fallen apart and disintegrated from exposure before these covered bones with earth. But in the layer of earth above them were buried accompanied by crude clay jars and bowls.

These skeletons of the transition period are of great interest to ethnologists who are studying the types of Indians who inhabited America in the days before the time of Christ.

Complete pieces of four bowls which could be matched together, even after so many centuries, were found by Doctor Roberts, as well as quantities of fragments of the bowls. The bowls were made of clay and some of the fragments were found in the layer of earth above them.

The models shown were made in style and had none of the sawtooth-like form of the Russian bowls. It is predicted that black and brown shades will be worn by the business girls, and the dark shades will be worn by the school girls and the dark shades will be worn by the school girls.

It was evident at the exhibit that hard skin will continue to be a popular trimming for shoes this winter.

Storm Center Shoves

Barometer Far Down

Port Townsend, Wash.—The high-pressure system south of the Aleutian Islands is hard on barometers, reports Capt. Y. Kawasumi of the Yokohama Maru on arrival here. While passing through the storm runway he noted the lowest barometric reading ever observed on the Pacific, the indicator showing 28.5.

The vessel experienced no rough weather, but the Japanese navigator believes he just missed a typhoon, or monsoon. Most of the severe storms that sweep the Mississippi valley originate in the Aleutian area, where varied currents of ocean water influence the atmospheric conditions.

Clever Chinese

New York.—Clever, those Chinese!

A detective arrested a dozen when he found them in a room with money on the table. One explained to the judge in excellent English that they were taking up a collection to buy a book on cross-word puzzles. They were freed.

Deer's Appetites Reins

Golf Course Greens

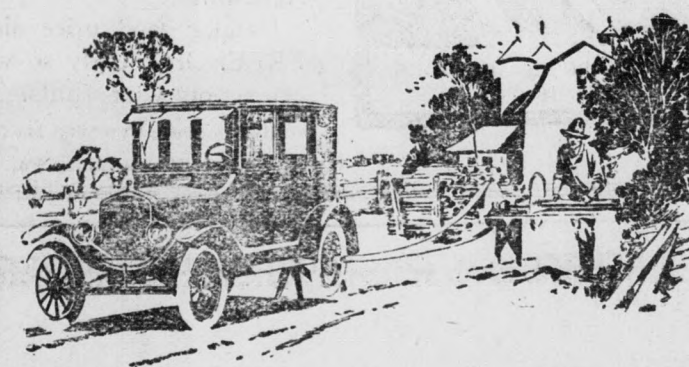
Gilbert, Calif.—The Gilbert golf club is probably the only golf club in the world that finds it difficult to keep its greens in good condition. The club has a caretaker to shoot wild animals off the greens.

The little border on several dark canyon that run back to the Santa Monica mountains where herds of wild deer are more or less tame. At night when the golf players go home to explain to their wives that they have been in their offices all day the deer come out of the canyons, nibble the rich grass and eat up everything else green that is to be seen.

Recent fire in Toluca canyon have destroyed the wild herbage. As a result most of the deer are now "boarding" on the golf club greens. Officers of the club say a man or boy with a lantern will be hired to keep the deer off the run after nightfall.

Beginning Early Milton, aged seven, was faithful with his father. Evidently he has been a former occasion been impressed with some of the singing parrots told by his father had been 13 to 16 years and a ty-banded, he said: "Say, dad, how many fish shall we tell mother got away?"

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